

WOMT Notes

February 11, 2014 Meeting

1. General Information:

CVP: Keswick Release @ 3,650 cfs (ramping down 100cfs/day to 3,250 cfs)

Nimbus Release @ 500 cfs

Goodwin Release @ 200 cfs

Jones Pumping Plant @ 2,000 cfs (*Note that Bypass #4 is currently not operating. An evaluation is being conducted to determine when it will be back online, CVO will provide a subsequent update to WOMT)

X-channel Gates: Closed

Federal Share of San Luis @ 332 TAF

SWP: Oroville Release @ 1,250 cfs

Clifton Court Allotment @ 2,500 cfs

State Share of San Luis @ 270 TAF

SWRCB: The SWRCB's Temporary Urgency Change Order was modified to clarify that if precipitation events allow DWR and Reclamation to comply with the Delta Outflow and DCC Gate Closure requirements contained in Table 3 of D-1641, then D-1641 requirements shall be operative, except that any SWP and CVP exports greater than 1500 cfs shall be limited to natural or abandoned flow, or transfers as specified in condition 1b.

Current Water Project Operations Status: Prior to this week, the projects were operating to the February D-1641 modifications allowed under the SWRCB Order, which allowed Delta Outflow to be relaxed to a minimum of 3,000 cfs and the Delta Cross Channel gates to be opened as necessary. Under these conditions, combined project exports are limited to public health and safety levels, not to exceed 1,500 cfs combined. Due to storm conditions/natural

accretions that occurred primarily over this past weekend, the X2 (Delta Outflow) requirements for February began to be met and the Delta Cross Channel gates were closed beginning February 10. Under these conditions, D-1641 allows project exports to be increased to E/I ratio limits, not to exceed .45.

However, the NMFS Biological Opinion requires that OMR be no more negative than -5000 cfs from January 1 through June 15 (calendar year based requirement). Project exports this week (as of February 10) will be scheduled such that OMR will not be more negative than -5000 cfs on a 14-day running average basis.

NMFS – Biological Opinion for CV Salmonids, Steelhead, Sturgeon:

- (1) OMR no more negative than -5000 cfs (January 1 – June 15 requirement);
- (2) No advice from DOSS, therefore no NMFS determination necessary.

USFWS – Delta Smelt : No change in operations recommended per SWG; No determination from USFWS.

DFW – Longfin Smelt : Although the distribution criteria for larvae was surpassed during Smelt Larvae Survey #3, densities in the central and south Delta remain at low levels, so current export rates are protective of Longfin Smelt at this time. Survey #3 showed more Longfin Smelt at Station 716, so continue w/ Incidental Take Permit Condition 5.3, which limits Barker Slough Diversion Rates to no greater than 50 cfs on a 7 day running average basis until March 31 or earlier if no larval Longfin Smelt are detected at Station 716 in subsequent surveys.

2. WOMT Decisions - None